

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 07/15/02.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 2.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 3/30/06
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other 

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DETAILED ACTION***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claim 1-2 allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1: While prior art such as: Champlin et al. (US 6002238) teaches a (Fig. 1) method for determining the complex impedance $Z(f_m)$ of a non-stationary electrochemical system, characterized in that it comprises the steps of:

(Fig. 2a-2c) setting the system to a selected voltage state and applying a sinusoidal signal of frequency f_m thereto, measuring, immediately after, successive values of the voltage and of the current at regular time intervals ΔT ,

Wiegand et al. (US 6556001) teaches (Fig. 2) (Col. 1, lines 30-45) calculating the discrete Fourier transforms of the voltage ($E(f)$) and of the current ($I(f)$), the voltage transform being calculated for the sole frequency f_m of the sinusoidal signal and the current transform being calculated for frequency f_m and for two adjacent frequencies f_m-1 and f_m+1 on either side of frequency f_m ,

The cited prior art as a whole does not fairly teach or suggest the primarily of step to calculating the impedance in the claimed combination listed below:

and calculating the impedance according to the following formula: $Z(f_m) = E(f_m) / I^*(f_m)$

where I^* designates a corrected current such that:

$$\text{Re}[I^*(f_m)] = \text{Re}[I(f_m)] - \{\text{Re}[I(f_m + 1)] + \text{Re}[I(f_m - 1)]\} / 2$$

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$$\text{Im}[I^*(f_m)] = \text{Im}[I(f_m)] - \{\text{Im}[I(f_m + 1)] \text{Im}[I(f_m - 1)]\} / 2.$$

Regarding claim 2: the method of claim 1, characterized in that it is repeated for a succession of excitation frequencies.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nguyen Tran whose telephone number is 571-270-1269. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-5:00, OFF every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Karl Easthom can be reached on 571-272-1989. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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